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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

**SUBJECT: Sprague Committee Paper on U.S. Resources
for Foreign Communication and Political
Warfare**

**REFERENCE: Memorandum to DCI from DDP/SPO, dated
12 May 1960, subject The Sprague Committee**

1. This memorandum is for the action of the DCI as suggested in paragraph 6.

2. The Sprague Committee paper on U.S. Resources for Foreign Communication and Political Warfare appears on the whole an innocuous statement of the various factors and resources involved in the projection of the U.S. image abroad. It says nothing new but constitutes a perfectly valid summary of the various activities and programs which are either conducted deliberately by the Government for the purpose of affecting opinion abroad or which accidentally or incidentally influence foreign public opinion.

3. The summary of unofficial American activity abroad beginning at the bottom of page 7 is interesting.

4. Of more parochial importance are the definitions of programs on pages 10 and 11. They include (page 11)

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I am not quite sure that I either understand or agree with these definitions. I do not like the word "penetration", which has intelligence connotations and recommend elimination of this paragraph. The following paragraph relating to [redacted] could then be amended as follows:

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5. The third paragraph on page 12 also involves CIA directly and reads as follows:

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I believe that this should be amended to read as follows:

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6. Although I believe that comments can be submitted orally at the next meeting of the Committee presently scheduled for Monday, 23 May, it may be desirable to make some brief comment in writing. I am attaching a draft memorandum for this purpose if you believe that written comment is desirable.

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Attachment
As stated
cc: DDCI w/att.

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